

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Art Noonan, on April 1, 2009 at 3:09
P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 291; SB 502

Executive Action: None

00:01:25 Rep. Driscoll arrived.

HEARING ON SB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on
SB 502, Environmental impact ombudsman.

00:03:30 Rep. Phillips arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:49 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association

00:08:08 Rep. MacLaren arrived.

00:08:58 John Shaefer, Montana Tunnels Mining

00:25:50 Leo Berry, Montana Mining Association

00:30:10 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
(WETA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:26 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

EXHIBIT(feh72a01)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:34 Rep. Phillips

00:40:29 Sen. Keane

00:41:57 Rep. Phillips

00:42:21 Sen. Keane

00:42:55 Rep. Phillips

00:43:15 Sen. Keane

00:43:28 Chairman Noonan

00:44:32 Sen. Keane

00:44:47 Chairman Noonan

00:45:48 Sen. Keane

00:47:05 Chairman Noonan

00:47:22 Sen. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:33 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:56 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on
SB 291, Montana railroad authority.
[EXHIBIT \(feh72a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:25 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:28 Ron De Young, Director, Montana Department of
Agriculture

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:40 Rep. O'Hara
01:05:57 Mr. Bonderud
01:08:20 Rep. Stahl arrived.
01:10:50 Rep. Regier
01:11:10 Sen. Black
01:11:15 Rep. Regier
01:11:26 Sen. Black
01:11:49 Rep. Wiseman
01:12:14 Sen. Black
01:13:28 Rep. Wiseman
01:14:09 Sen. Black
01:15:26 Rep. Wiseman
01:15:49 Sen. Black

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:21 Sen. Black

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ADJOURNMENT

01:22:06 Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([feh72aad.pdf](#))